



BONSAI SOCIETY OF GREATER HARTFORD

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April 2008 Newsletter

All regular meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month from 7:00PM -9:30PM.

IMPORTANT MEETING INFO

Due to the change in meeting place and the meeting date for April, this will be an early newsletter and hopefully will have all the important info you will all need.

Meeting date— April 7 Regular time 7:00pm

Meeting place — William J. Pitkin Community Center (Wethersfield Community Center) 30 Greenfield Street, Wethersfield, CT (860) 721-2950. See below for directions

There is an afternoon workshop on April 7th with Mr Lo. There are still opening for this event. This is a bring your own tree workshop. It will start at about 1PM and go to 5PM.

Following the workshop at 7:00 pm will be a regular monthly meeting for the month of April. There will be some discussion of upcoming events including Mid -Atlantic workshops and our upcoming show. Following this short business meeting Mr Lo will take over. He will be doing a demo, not sure of the material . Mr Lo will also be one of the featured artist at Mid-Atlantic the following weekend. You can see some of his work if you Google Mr Min Hsuan Lo.

There is still time to sign up to go to Mid-Atlantic. If you cannot make the whole weekend drop down on Saturday. There will be an excellent vendor area to pick up just about anything you ever wanted pertaining to bonsai, maybe even a really nice tree.

TRAVELING NORTH ON I-91:

Take Exit 24

At End of Ramp - Go Right onto Silas Deane Highway (Rt. 99)

At Approximately 2.7 Miles (11th traffic light), take a Left onto Nott Street.

After Stop Sign, take your Second Right onto Folly Brook Boulevard.

Take First Right onto Greenfield Street. Community Center is on your Right

TRAVELING SOUTH ON I-91:

Take Exit 28 For Route 5 and 15 (Berlin Turnpike Wethersfield-Newington).

Take Exit 85 (99 South Wethersfield - Rocky Hill).

At 3rd Traffic Light (Nott Street), take a Right.

After Stop Sign, take 2nd Right onto Folly Brook Blvd.

Take 1st Right onto Greenfield Street. Center is on Right.

Upcoming Events

Invitation

The Springfield Bonsai Club will be holding workshops on April 26th and 27th in Springfield area. The guest artist will be Marty Schmalenberg. Members of our club have been invited to attend either of the days. The cost is \$60.00 for an all day workshop.

Anyone interested can contact Kris Springer at chefnit@yahoo.com

Upcoming Workshop

Mr Min Hsuan Lo, Monday, April 7. Afternoon workshop 1pm-5pm at the Wethersfield Community Center. Four openings remain.

Pedro Morales, Monday, May 19. Afternoon workshop 1pm-5pm at the Wethersfield Community Center. Six openings remain.

Silent observers are also welcome.

Contact Geof at gdholmes86@msn.com or 413-229-8874 to reserve a spot.

Upcoming Open Houses

These will be a member's houses and are BYOT, wire and tools or just come and sit around and talk about bonsai

May 17th — Bob & Maureens This will also be a partial workday to clean up the displays for our annual show

June 29th — Dave & Vreni's

Sept ?? — Diana's

2008 Schedule

- Jan 8 — Board Meeting 7:00PM Location
- Jan 21 — Club Meeting at Pond House, 7— 9:30 Trash to Treasure
- Feb 5 — Board Meeting 7:00PM Location TBD
- Feb 18 — Club Meeting at Pond House, 7— 9:30 Tropical Workshop
- February 21 - 24 Connecticut Flower Show GHBS bonsai display www.ctflowershow.com/index.html
- March 4 — Board Meeting 7:00PM Location Dave & Vreni's
- March 16 — BYOT tree workshop with Nick Lenz at Todd's 9am-5pm
- March 17 — Club Meeting at Elmwood Community Center, 7— 9:30 Winter Pruning Deciduous and BYOT
- April 1 — Board Meeting 7:00PM Todd's House
- **April 7— Club Meeting & Afternoon Workshop Location Wethersfield Community Center**
Min Hsuan Lo, MABS Artist <http://artofbonsai.org/forum/viewtopic.php?t=855>
- April 11-13 — Mid-Atlantic Bonsai Conference www.midatlanticbonsai.freesevers.com
- May 6 — Board Meeting 7:00PM Todd's House
- **May 17 — Open House and Workday — Bob & Maureen's West Hartford, CT**
- **May 19 — Club Meeting and Afternoon Workshop at Wethersfield Community Center, 7— 9:30**
Guest Artist Pedro Morales <http://www.pedrojmorales.com/index.html>

- June 3 — Board Meeting 7:00PM Location TBD
- June 7 — GHBS Annual Picnic
- June 19 -28 American Bonsai Society Learning Seminar San Antonio, Tx. <http://www.absbonsai.org>
- June 21-22 — Rose Garden Weekend at Elizabeth Park — Bonsai display
- **June 29 — Open House at Dave & Vreni's Kensington, CT**
- July 12 - 13 — GHBS Annual Show - Pond House, Elizabeth Park

Snacks & Refreshments		
March 2008	Jose Amat	Stephen Tine
April 7 2008	Ann & Bob Raymond	Con C
May 19 2008	Laura S	Joe G
June 7, 2008	Annual Picnic	Location TBD

Meeting Cancellation Notices

In case of inclement weather check WFSB, Channel 3 for cancellation of a regular schedule meeting. Dianna will also send out e-mail to all those on GHBS e-mail list.

Ramblin's

Happy April folks-

I hope you're getting your repotting started. It sure has started here. Lily and I seem to have permanent dirt under the fingernails!

I hope the repotting discussion at the last meeting helped out getting you started.

You know, many moons ago I joined the Hartford Club. Diana was President then as now. She recognized my passion for trees and my business sense and asked me to join the board. At the first meeting I announced that I was honored to be asked to join. Everyone laughed. I later found out why, as the board handles a lot of the work related to the club and I was the new, enthusiastic workhorse! I accepted the position gleefully.

Related, yesterday I received a note expressing thanks from Sally C. for hosting the Nick workshops and telling me Jose W. was home from her hip replacement surgery. I was delighted for the thanks and called Jose right off. I was happy to hear a voice I'd been missing and hear good news of a successful surgery. Jose is not just a good friend of mine, but a good friend of the Hartford Club. She deserves our thanks for years of leadership and probably the most comprehensive library any club could own.

Tonight I reflect on all that Jose has done for the club and for so long. This leads to further reflecting on all the spirited efforts from the members of this great group. Just think for a moment of how many do so much to keep us strong and growing, and in so many ways. Whether organizing events, or keeping the books, or writing the newsletter, or serving or supplying refreshments, or grumbling and complaining (which at least implies this is worth caring about), or keeping the minutes, or serving as a Midatlantic Ambassador, or even just helping sweep up after an event. So many of us do so much.

At the next meeting take a look around. See friends gathering in a common bond, not just about the wonderful art of bonsai, but the club atmosphere as a whole.

Please recognize the efforts made and take time to thank someone for volunteering their time and energy that our group can remain one of the great clubs. A place to make friends, make trees, and make ourselves proud about our successes.

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New members, jump in. Old members, please continue as we've come to expect. All together we make this work.

Our recent move is an event that usually costs us membership. Don't let this move change your involvement with our organization. New digs is just that. And it's allowing us to work in proper lighting and saving us tons of money! One more guest artist next year?

I'm trying desperately not to create a laundry list of those we should thank, because everyone deserves it. But, one besides Jose needs to be named. That is our fearless leader Diana who has, without ego, risen above and leads with strength, insight and compassion. I suspect as she reads this her first intuition would be to thank everyone for their hard work, support and their help making the club a great place to learn about and do Bonsai. So thanks to Jose, Diana and all of the members that make this work.

Ok, one more! Dave B. who won't even read this. And that's saying thanks with a laugh attached! T